

LABOR STRIFE CAUSES WORRY

Coal Strike Expected
April 1 By Business
Observers

International News Service.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Labor troubles are again agitating the business situation. There is general expectation throughout the middle west that the soft coal miners will strike on April 1 over the new wage scale.

Owing to the mild winter, operators have an unprecedented supply of reserve coal on hand.

One-quarter of the cotton textile employees in New England are on strike and more than 40 mills are idle. Strike troubles are menacing some independent steel companies.

There was a decrease in business failures this week from last. Bank clearings were under \$200 million last week reflecting decreased financial dealings.

Money was fairly plentiful. The amount of money in active circulation is decreasing. It is now \$2,679,229,057 against \$2,782,432,487 last month and \$2,831,550,557 this month last year. National bank statements show a big increase in resources.

The stock market is strong with the trend of prices upward. Prices of grain have advanced consistently and rural sections are much encouraged over the improved situation.

EXCHANGE STRONGER. Conditions in exchange market are better. The Canadian dollar, which is closest to American money, lacks less than four cents of being par.

Bank clearings of the United States this week were estimated at \$6,089,632,452 against \$5,112,510,949 last week and \$7,024,458,038 this week a year ago.

Five hundred twenty-two commercial failures were reported. Grand total of this week against 550 the preceding week.

The average price of 20 representative industrial issues on the stock exchange was 83.28 against 82.92 last week and 74.40 this week last year.

The average price of 20 representative railroad issues was 77.28 against 75.78 last week and 73.25 this week last year.

Baldwin Locomotive at 105½ and American Can at 49½ established new high records for the year.

BONDS WELL TAKEN. Money for call loans ranged from 5 to 4 per cent this week. Time money secured by first-class collateral ranged from 4½ to 5 per cent. Experts agree that new financing will be heavy this year, although not so heavy as in 1921.

Low money rates aided the bond market. Approximately \$12,300,000 worth of new bonds were issued and absorbed during the week. The soldier bonus proposals at Washington depressed the Liberty bond market and treasury securities estimated at \$19,494,750.

Bonds and notes maturing in March total \$37,379,375 against \$112,221,175 in February.

COTTON GOING HIGHER. Despite the New England cotton textile strike the price trend in the cotton market was upward. The amount of the crop brought into sight this week was 167,522 bales against 162,365 bales the preceding week. The total exports of the week were 93,833 bales against 81,381 bales last week.

The world's visible supply of cotton now is 6,250,204 bales, of which 4,072,204 bales are American. This is over 42,000 bales less than last week. Southern bankers are urging a further decrease in cotton acreage.

The price of grain, particularly wheat, advanced sharply this week. There was heavy marketing of corn, although the wheat receipts were light. The visible supply of wheat decreased 123,000 bushels. Crop conditions in the southwest continue unfavorable.

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Woman 'Victim' of Landru Reported Seen in Montreal

PARIS, Feb. 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—Minister of Justice Barthou has requested the ministry of foreign affairs to cable the Montreal police asking for all information possible concerning Madame Heon, who is alleged to have been living in Montreal a year after she was supposed to have been murdered by Henri Landru.

Reports have been received in Paris that she died a natural death in the Canadian city and was buried there.

Development of this clue is the last hope Landru has of escaping the guillotine, to which he was sentenced sometime ago.

M. Moro-Giafferi, who defended Landru in his trial, will be received in audience by President Millerand next Monday. Landru's execution will probably take place early next week, it was said today, unless the Montreal clue should develop new evidence.

There are as many as five cubs in a litter.

SMOOT TARIFF PLAN ADOPTED

Utah's Proposed Basis of
Taxing Foreign Goods
Wins Favor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—The adoption of the Smoot plan of assessing tariff duties on the basis of the foreign value of the imported articles is understood to have been practically agreed upon by Republican members of the senate finance committee.

The re-writing of the ad valorem tariff in the Fordney bill on the basis of this plan was started today, senators said, and since the original rates were predicated upon American valuation, it was said that increases were being made in many instances.

DETAILS OF PLAN. The Smoot plan would provide for proclaimed American valuation and flexible rates and also contains a depreciated currency provision. Senators said a final vote on the plan awaited more specific information from the state department as to whether the currency provisions would be in violation of the "favored nation" clauses of existing commercial treaties.

Under the Smoot plan the president would have authority to proclaim the American valuation of the "favored nation" clauses of existing commercial treaties. Under the Smoot plan the president would have authority to proclaim the American valuation of the "favored nation" clauses of existing commercial treaties.

The other plan which the committee had under consideration would have provided for the assessing of duties on the basis of the wholesale selling price of the imported article in the American market. It carried with all the other provisions in the Smoot plan. Custom officials opposed the so-called American valuation principle on the ground that its administration would be different and that the wholesale selling price would vary in the different markets of this country. The other plan was drawn by members of the tariff commission and the customs court of appeals.

M'CORMICK HAS LITTLE TO SAY

Will See Daughter About
Reported Engagement to
Riding Teacher

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—Harold F. McCormick, president of the International Harvester company, declined to confirm or deny the reported engagement of his daughter, Mathilde, to Max Oser, Swiss riding teacher, when he arrived here today.

"Any announcement will come from my daughter," Mr. McCormick said. "There will be nothing to say until I have talked to her."

Laughing, he added: "I don't know much authority fathers have nowadays. Of course, they have different ideas in Switzerland about such things."

Mr. McCormick evaded a battery of cameras and newspaper men by leaving his train at a suburban station. He told reporters who boarded the train outside of Chicago that the publicity had taken him by surprise.

"It came all at once," he said. "I have met my daughter." Assured that Miss Mathilde had remained in seclusion and refused to talk pending her father's arrival, he smiled broadly.

"She's a wonderful girl," he said.

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SWISS Domestic dotted Swiss, 30 inches wide. 50c value. Special, yard 39c	PILLOW TUBING 42-inch width linen finish pillow tubing, heavy weight. Regular 50c value. Special, 39c yard	DIMITY Special mercerized finish dimity. Small check designs. Regular 50c value. Special, yard 33c	MUSLIN Daisy brand bleached muslin, 36 inch width, special finish, free from filling. Regular 20c seller. Regu- lar 20c seller. Special, 10 yards Special, 10 yards \$1.45
NAINSOOK Madeira nainsook, pure white, mer- cerized finish, 40 inch width, extra special. Regular 40c value. Bolt of 10 yards \$3.45	BED SPREADS Red Crest, satin finish bed spreads, 82x92 size, choice designs, scal- loped, cut corners. Special, each Regular \$8. Special, each \$5.35	VOILE Tootals pure white, imported mer- cerized voile, 36 inch width. Regu- lar 63c value. Special, 49c yard	LONG CLOTH Soft finish Royal longcloth finished especially for needle sewing. Regu- lar 29c seller. Special, 10 yards Special, 10 yards \$2.25
NAINSOOK Nagasaki Japanese nainsook in col- ors pink and white, highly mer- cerized finish, 40 inches wide. Regu- lar 40c value. Special, 10 yard bolt Extra special, 10 yard bolt \$3.95	PILLOW CASES The real fruit of the loom pillow cases, 42x36 and 45x36 sizes. Regu- lar 49c each. Special during this week, pair 75c	CAMBRIC No. 60 Berkeley Lonsdale cambric, 36 inches wide. Regular 35c value. Special, 10 yards \$2.65 for	NAINSOOK Soft finish princess nainsook, 36 inch width. Regular 35c value. Special, while it lasts, bolt of ten yards \$3.75
FLANNELS No. 310 bleached cotton flannel, 27 inches wide, excellent weight. Regu- lar 35c seller. Special this week, yard 23c	BED SPREADS Hemmed edge, crocheted finish, firm weave bed spreads, double bed size. Regular \$3.50. Special, each Special, each \$3.29	CAMBRIC No. 100 Berkeley Lonsdale cambric, 36 inches wide, especially suitable for fine underwear, princess slips, etc. Regular 38c value. Special during this week, \$3.25 10 yards for	SHEETING Genuine plaquet sheeting, 81 inch width, 9-4. Regular 79c value. A limited amount at, yard 68c
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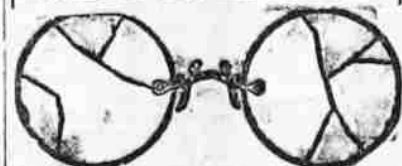
Priest Leaves Safe Open; \$25,000 in Bonds Stolen

AURORA, Ill., Feb. 18.—A burglar broke into the residence of the Rev. J. J. Weber, pastor of St. Nicholas Roman Catholic church, this morning and stole \$25,000 in unregistered Liberty bonds from the priest's safe. The robbery is the latest of a series in which priests of this section have been the prey, apparently because they are as a rule unarmed and unwilling to take life. The door to Father Weber's safe was open and the strong box key hung on a ring nearby.

CLUB SURPRISES MRS. BEN FOWLER

Mrs. Ben A. Fowler was surprised by the members of the L. C. S. club last Saturday evening at her home, 538 Thirtieth street. Basket lunches were brought by the guests. Games of five hundred were played and impromptu prizes were given. The robbery is the latest of a series in which priests of this section have been the prey, apparently because they are as a rule unarmed and unwilling to take life. The door to Father Weber's safe was open and the strong box key hung on a ring nearby.

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Organization of the Weber Packing Corporation, with capital of \$50,000 and plans to operate the Wright-Whittier Canning company plant at Thirty-third street and Pacific avenue, were announced yesterday. The incorporation papers to be filed during this week in both state and county offices. The business offices will be at 602 Eccles building.

MAY BAR ALIENS ONE MORE YEAR

House Committee Thinks
People Favor Restricting
Immigration

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Advocating the extension for another year of the three per cent restrictive immigration law, the house immigration committee in a report laid before the house today declared the people of the United States were demanding continuance of the act after its expiration June 30, "or something more restrictive."

"This view, however, was challenged by two members of the committee, Representative Sigel, Republican, New York, and Sabbath, Democrat, Illinois, who contended the "quota law is inhuman and contrary to the highest American ideals."

Representative Box, Democrat, Texas, called the bill a makeshift.

The report of the majority, prepared by Chairman Johnson, declared that "many of the mishaps attendant upon the institution of the 3 per cent law would not occur during its extension."

The law is now functioning smoothly, causing a minimum of hardship, the report stated. The committee called attention to other countries enacting "strong, sharp restrictive immigration acts, made necessary by the fact that most of central Europe, all of Asia Minor and much of Russia are on the move as a result of the distress and collapse following the great war."

**GIRL SCOUT BOARD
WILL MEET MONDAY**
The Girl Scout council will meet Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. David Eccles, Jefferson and Twenty-sixth street.

COURT ASSISTS MRS. STILLMAN

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Feb. 18.—A commission to take testimony at Montreal beginning March 13 in the divorce suit of James A. Stillman, New York banker, against Mrs. Anne U. Stillman, was granted today by Supreme Court Justice Morschauser on application of defense counsel.

Justice Morschauser held in abeyance a motion by Mrs. Stillman's lawyers for an additional allowance of \$6,940. Counsel for the banker would not say whether an appeal would be sought to prevent hearings at Montreal.

Eugene H. Godin of Montreal was appointed commissioner to take the evidence there which would seek to show that witnesses against Mrs. Stillman were bribed and tempted with bribes.

Defense counsel requested an early date for the Montreal sessions because the rivers, now frozen, would serve as highways on which witnesses might make their way down from the St. Maurice valley, where, after the thaw set in, their progress would be delayed.

John E. Mack, guardian ad litem for baby Guy Stillman, whose legitimacy is at issue, joined in the application for Canadian hearings. He intends to cross-examine witnesses who testified they saw Mrs. Stillman misconducting herself with Fred Beauvais, the Indian guide alleged by Mr. Stillman to be the father of little Guy.

Abraham Lincoln never joined a church.

JOIN FORCES TO COMBAT DISEASE

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Co-operation between the Russian health authorities and commission of the league of nations in combating disease are described in a report from the commission issued here today by the league's news bureau.

The commission and the soviet authorities have worked together in a sanitation congress and in arranging an anti-epidemic agreement between Russia and contiguous countries.

An estimate of 20,000,000 typhus cases, the report states, "seems monstrous, but must be taken as a starting point in any attempt to estimate the extent of the eastern epidemic focus."

Relapsing is also serious, it is reported, while in Petrograd a virulent form of dysentery became epidemic in 1920 with a mortality rate of 22 per cent for adults and 40 per cent for children. Cholera, which claimed 140,000 cases during the first five months of the year, came to a sudden end in what is usually the middle of the epidemic season.

The refugees to be expatriated are estimated at 1,500,000.

The hospitals present a graphic picture of the misery of Russian life today, says the report. In many instances nurses receive 5,000 rubles per month and food only every second day, while a cake of soap in Moscow costs 5,500 rubles.

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